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Eastern education: UM plans move forward for China campus

SEAN BRESLIN
MONTANA KAIMIN

In his State of the University address, University of Montana President George Dennison didn't mention the plan to open a UM branch in China, but that doesn't mean the idea is far from his mind.

Now some two years in the making, UM is developing a curriculum for the proposed campus in the port city of Xiamen, and things in China have been ticking along, Dennison said.

"I thought it would go a little faster than it has, but you have to do things in accordance with the Chinese schedule," Dennison said.

UM got connected to private investors in China through Kent Price, a UM alumnus who now sits on the board of the University of Montana Foundation. Price,

who got degrees from UM in 1965 and 1966, is now a venture capitalist in San Francisco. When he learned that investors in China wanted to look into English-based curriculum, he said he knew the right school for the job.

"I know the quality of education" at UM, Price said.

The China program would not require UM to build new facilities for the expected 2,000 to 4,000 students, Dennison said. In fact, the start-up costs for the project would be relatively low, he said.

"We're not going to invest anything except the time it takes to plan the curriculum and so forth," Dennison said.

The campus will mostly focus on business and communications education, Dennison said. All classes would be taught in English, half by native English



Map courtesy of CIA World Factbook

speakers. In addition, every 10 Chinese students would have one UM student mentor, Dennison said.

But UM has some conditions the Chinese need to meet in order to bring UM to the Asian nation. China's communist government maintains strict controls on the flow of information, something

UM won't tolerate at its facilities there, Dennison said.

"We have to ensure academic freedom," Dennison said.

But Price doesn't think getting that assurance will be a problem, he said.

"The major issue between the U.S. and China is not an ideological one, but a geopolitical one,"

Price said. "We have a geographic interest in not allowing one nation (China) to dominate the Asian Pacific." Price did acknowledge problems with human rights and the free flow of information, but remains supportive of the plan, he said.

Before anything is firmly set in place, the program in Xiamen will have to be approved by the Montana Board of Regents and the regional accreditation board, Dennison said.

But despite the potential problems with information controls, Dennison said education in China provides an excellent opportunity for UM.

"There are 250 million college-age people in China," Dennison said. "They don't have enough schools to deal with them."

Stones opener unveiled

TY HAMPTON
MONTANA KAIMIN

The San Francisco band Black Rebel Motorcycle Club was announced on Tuesday as the opener for next week's Rolling Stones concert in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

BRMC, as they are known for short, will also be opening for the Stones on Oct. 1 at Cessna Stadium in Wichita, Kan., the date before Missoula's Oct. 4 show.

The band formed in 1998, getting their name from Marlon Brando's motorcycle gang in the 1953 film "The Wild One."

The trio, described as melancholy bluesy folk rock, has three studio albums with the latest, "Howl," surfacing to mild popularity and critical acclaim in 2005. The band's first album was described by critics as having a classic hard-driving punk rock influenced sound, but after being lumped into the hype of the "New Rock Revolution" in 2003 with bands like New York's the Strokes, the trio soon changed its style.

BRMC's second album, "Take them on, on your own," included songs making attacks on the United States and President Bush in particular. The band has begun recording their fourth album that remains untitled and should be released in early 2007.

The Missoula and Wichita dates are currently the only shows scheduled for BRMC in 2006.



I'LL BE MAV, YOU BE ICEMAN

Shane McMillan / Montana Kaimin
UM student Charley Rininger, left, tips the ball over opponent Zac deBetz Tuesday afternoon outside McGill Hall in a two-on-two match. With the weather getting colder the group said they haven't been playing as much, but they still like to get out.

UM e-mail system switch nearly complete

JAMES LABER
MONTANA KAIMIN

E-mails and other information that University of Montana students and faculty have stashed in the old CUE1 e-mail system will be lost forever on Oct. 1, as university tech administrators complete the switch over to the new

GrizMail system that began last spring.

On that date, the CUE1 e-mail system that the University has previously used will be completely removed from the UM network. All addresses in CUE1 will be lost, unless transferred manually.

One reason for the switch is the University's work toward a single sign-on for all computer functions

that students may use, said Loeys Knapp, UM's IT Assistant Chief Information Officer.

"Now students can access almost everything with the same password," she said. "Blackboard, GrizMail, library resources, everything except Cyberbear."

GrizMail also has more functionality than CUE1, Knapp said. It contains a calendar function, a journal and professors can save documents in public folders that student can access from home.

Knapp also said that the switch to GrizMail saved the University money. The cost of keeping CUE1 as the University's e-mail system was increasing, as was the cost for support for CUE1's creator, Sun Microsystems, Inc.

The University will now be using GrizMail to contact students with important information, such as bill reminders and any messages from President George Dennison.

"It's the only way we as a University can communicate with (the students)," Knapp said. "So it is very important that (the students) check GrizMail."

Journalism professor Sharon

Barrett said she uses GrizMail to send old quizzes and assignments to her students.

"It is an easy and fast way for professors to interact with students," she said. "If people aren't reading their e-mail, they could be missing assignments."

Despite this, many students are not using GrizMail regularly, or at all. Freshman Patrick Carter said that his Freshman Interest Group instructor went over how to access GrizMail, but that he hasn't used it since.

"I've checked in maybe once," he said. "But it is really not too significant to me."

One problem students have faced in using the new e-mail system is forwarding messages. According to Knapp, forwarding can only be done when using certain Internet browsers.

"Internet Explorer version 6 and newer and Netscape version 8 and newer, using Internet Explorer settings, are the only browsers that allow forwarding at this point," she said. "Apples cannot forward at all, but we are working on that."

Students can access GrizMail at <http://grizmail.umt.edu>.

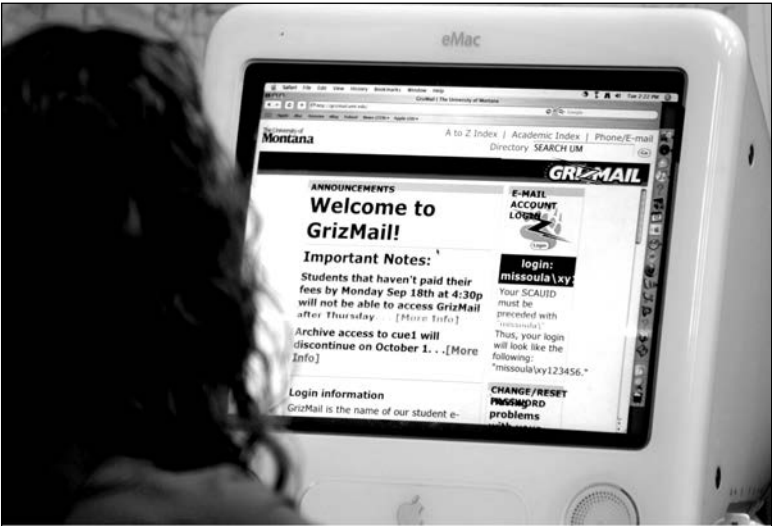


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The University's old CUE1 e-mail system will soon no longer be accessible. Archived e-mails will vanish and the only option UM students will have, aside from Internet accounts, will be to use the new Grizmail system.

EDITORIAL

Draft would change perception
of war for privileged

It's a given for any war that some people will support it and some people won't. But here at UM, and around the country, one wouldn't know it.

The U.S. is caught in a war in which thousands of its citizens have died and across the country this fact is met with but a shrug, especially among young people.

It can't be for lack of knowledge, as pictures and stories from the war are beamed into homes and dorm rooms every night. Yet the fiery war protests that rocked campuses nationwide in the '60s and '70s are nowhere to be seen, from today's students or those of the Vietnam generation.

The difference is simple: during Vietnam there was a draft, and now there isn't.

Unfortunately, the gap between the rich and the poor in America is ever-increasing, and along with it, the price of being poor. How many jingoistic politicians out there have sons stationed in Baghdad? How many well-to-do college students have relatives fighting in Fallujah? Not many.

It is the poor who die for the rich men's war, but a draft changes that. It forces the sons of those who support the war to serve alongside those who joined the army as the only option to escape poverty.

Would George Bush be flexing his muscles to the rest of the world with such blind confidence if his kids were dying? Probably not. He'd probably start looking at the war more objectively.

He'd probably start to consider things like the recently declassified U.S. intelligence report that called the Iraq War a "cause celebre" for Islamic militants.

He'd probably start to do some math. And in doing so, he'd realize that by the end of his term, if Americans continue dying at the same rate and he continues refusing to "cut and run" in Iraq, he'll be responsible for about 4,332 American deaths. That's a lot more than the approximately 3,000 who died on Sept. 11, and it doesn't even take into consideration the more than 20,000 injured in the war, many horrendously.

But the reevaluation of the war wouldn't stop at the White House. The point is the draft would snatch up the loved ones of people from all circles. It would make everyone reexamine the war, even the apathetic college kids and their well-off families.

Maybe not everyone would conclude that the war is a bad thing upon examination, and that's fine. And certainly the draft would be a terrible thing for the additional lives it would cost, which is why we are not advocating its reinstitution.

All we are saying is that currently the sons and daughters of privilege are not at risk, and this lessens the pressure on decision makers and others to evaluate whether this war – or any war – is worth the cost.

– Peter Bulger,
Editor

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FOOTPRINTS IN AFRICA

A new perspective on the college lecture

I'm an hour early to class and the room is overflowing. The stadium seating is filled, and the few aisles and exits are packed with people sitting — if they were lucky enough to steal a wooden chair from another classroom — but most of them are standing. I peer through an open window from the hallway outside. It is the only time in my life I have been forced to listen to a lecture from outside the classroom. It is curious that every one shows up so early to class considering it is commonplace, if not an expectation, for the professor to show up to class half an hour late. I pull out a pen and begin to doodle in an attempt to fill the time.

Shortly thereafter, my attention is grabbed when a student in the class stands and demands his peers' attention. He begins to preach the gospel of his Christian God amidst a roomful of conversation. I chuckle at the irony in this student's choice of stage. We are all waiting for SREL 305—African Tradition Religion. I put down my pen and listen as hundreds of students continue their briefly interrupted conversations without a second's thought given to the student, turned preacher, in this classroom turned church. "Jesus died for you. What will you do for him?" he shouts. I wonder: is preaching in school a common form of preclass entertainment? Or was this man intentionally speaking to this class in an attempt to overshadow his own "Pagan" traditions that he was here to study? With a "Praise Jesus" sticker on the back of every car and on every door, one never really knows. It's funny, I suppose.

In the time I've spent in Africa, I have been requested to convert, or join a religion, more times than in the rest of my life. At last count, I have been asked to give my life to Jesus by a doctor during a medical exam, a professor after class, two beggars, a grocery store clerk, a hotel receptionist, a "professional friend", a security guard, two waiters and a vast variety of street folk. In the midst of this, I can't help but ask, "What happened to Africa?" Twenty minutes go by and the man sits down. I pick my pen back up and continue to doodle until the lecture begins. It starts half an hour late.

It has taken me a while to become acquainted with what a lecture is in Ghana. Or, at least, what a lecture is as I have experienced them. Too, I must

remember that I am an American who has studied and accepted a rigid system of pure educational efficiency — or, at the least, attempted efficiency. In the fourth week of classes, I find myself idled. Most classes on campus consist of one two-hour lecture per week. Many classes are evaluated with a single cumulative test given at the end of the term. No homework, no midterms, no constant struggle to keep up. Half of my classes don't even have required texts. These facts are inevitably aggravated by the nature of the lectures themselves.

As I have previously mentioned, it is not uncommon for professors to arrive late and depart early. In what is supposed to be a two-hour lecture, I find myself with, on average, two or three pages of notes. I am by no means frugal in my note-taking. Thirteen weeks of class is summarized in thirty to forty pages of notes. Considering I am mostly without a text or homework (with the lone exception of my literature course), I feel as if something, somewhere, is lacking.

At first, I found myself intensely critical of what I saw as a nearly wasted chance at a formal education. Classrooms are too small, loudspeakers are inadequate, coursework nearly nonexistent and class time is seemingly wasted on needless repetition and re-caps.

It takes a while for it to sink in — but it inevitably does. Why require textbooks that aren't readily available to a student body that can hardly afford the expense? Why assign papers to students with limited access to computers? Repeat and re-cap material within a lecture so students have time to take in-depth notes. For, it seems, to the Ghanaian students, notes are not a study supplement, but the only text they have to study off of at all. And so I resign myself to the fact that school and class is not the point of this trip. It is something I should have expected from the start. If I had wanted a classroom education, I would've stayed in Montana. Maybe learning about people and another world by watching them and experiencing it is enough. Surely that knowledge won't help me in law school, it won't help me to write a book and it won't push me to the forefront of any scientific discovery. But, for some reason, I'm contented with it anyways.

– Ian Bassingthwaighte

It's a beautiful life?

In response to the Sept. 19 letter to the Kaimin, Mr. Rhodes must feel very high and mighty cashing his mommy and daddy's college tuition check right now. While the UM offers great education for a discounted price, it is the only option however, for many Montana residents. Not all stu-



dents have the luxury of paying \$15,000 or more a year for out-of-

state tuition. That's money best spent elsewhere. Also, at what point does being a college senior, something simply obtained by staying enrolled, mean that you have earned the right to state that you have lived a "beautiful and successful life"?

– Ross Lane
Sophomore, Political Science

Abortion protesters don't further debate

For all students who consider campus to be a place for considerate political debate, Monday's anti-abortion protest on the Oval was a seriously inconsiderate presence. There is nothing as wonderful as walking across campus, enjoying the weather and Missoula and then having a poster

of a mangled fetus shoved in your face while a man shouts about murder. Abortion is a complex issue, and can also be a private and painful thing to discuss. These protesters' presence did nothing to further bipartisan discussion or tolerance, only to upset a large number of people who didn't appreciate seeing gruesome images. For many students the constantly buzzing anti-abortion

airplane can be tolerated, but the next time these protestors decide to harass students on the Oval, it would be "considerate" of the university to remember that most of us are paying for an education, not a tirade.

– Alexis Jones
Student

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Screw the Rolling Stones

So, in about two weeks our campus is going to be overrun with 70 tractor-trailers and tour buses for a one-night stand by the Rolling Stones. I'm sorry, but does it piss anyone else off that our campus and students are being unnecessarily and ridiculously inconvenienced for an entire week just so the city of Missoula and the university might make a small profit? I don't know, maybe I'm the only one who thinks closing five parking lots in an already overrun campus parking situation is ridiculous, or that it's completely unwarranted. Truthfully, the Rolling Stones suck! They might have been OK (at best) about 30 years ago, but did anyone else see the Super Bowl halftime show? If that much campus parking was closed down for an entire week for anything else, there would be outrage and voiced opposition, but since it's the Rolling Stones (all of whom are 60 plus and don't really



know what the hell they're doing anymore, anyway), that makes everything OK. Twelve percent of our parking will be unusable for an entire week! Doesn't that seem a little ridiculous for a one-night concert that probably won't be any good? Not to mention the numerous families who live close to campus who will be overrun with students trying to find parking. During that week the drama department has two productions going up, not to mention there will be three Grizzly volleyball games. Where are the patrons to these events supposed to park? Make them park on the other side of campus? Are you kidding me? People are inherently lazy, and

therefore will not make the extra effort, thus costing the university money and a fan base! Won't it be great for the volleyball team to play Montana State with more MSU fans in our seats than Griz fans? Or for the members of the drama department to perform shows they've dedicated their lives to for months to no audience? Why don't we ask Mick Jagger or George Dennison if that's fair. I'm sure Mick wouldn't even know what a Missoula is, and Dennison would probably dodge the question, as usual. This town is so freakin' enamored with the thought that a famous band is coming here, nobody took the time to think about the consequences ... as usual. I'm sorry, but kiss my ass, Mick Jagger; you should have ended your stream of disgusting music about 30 years ago. Instead, you've just managed to find another way to piss me off.

– Eric Holman-Opper
Junior, BFA in Acting

Negative speed-dating criticisms have no standing without actions

"Life isn't fair." A phrase I have heard repeated many times since childhood. I may not like it, but there is a ring of truth to the saying. I agree with people not being discriminated by their race, religion or even sexual preference. However, special accommodations cannot always be made for every individual who does not fit the term of "general population." In response to the letter entitled "Speed-dating should be open to all students," I ask the author to step down from her soapbox and

do something constructive. I am sure that the Residence Life Office did not realize its unintentional exclusion of students who live alternative lifestyles. In fact, speed-dating wasn't really exclusion at all. The intent of the event was simply to allow freshmen students to meet people, which is accessible to anyone even if it was hosted as a dating event. However, rather than becoming part of a proactive solution, the author chose to soapbox and unjustly attack the RLO. It is naïve to say that RLO intentionally excluded any minority group. The speed-dating event was sim-

ply a good-natured idea to help students meet other students, not a discriminatory event aimed only to help the straight majority. The University of Montana can only do so much to keep every individual happy, and in some cases people are left out. Life isn't always fair. I only ask you to stop complaining and become part of the solution.

– Clare Kelly
CE Registrar/Program Coordinator
Department of Educational Outreach
Continuing Education

Crossword

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Anti-abortion demonstrators left audience disgusted instead of informed

If you don't know, an anti-abortion demonstration of fringy Christians was held this past Monday on the walkways between the Mansfield Library and the University Center. It was sickening. From a lofty pole draped an enormous graphic picture of a mutilated fetus. There were more pictures and messages, but that was at the center of everyone's attention. The point was to shock viewers into a repulsion for abortion. This point was missed, however, as more people were shocked into a repulsion for the demonstrators themselves. Fringy Christians rarely persuade college students of anything, as reason is easier to accept than faith. Muddling their message on Monday was a fuzzy sort of morality. I am one who considers abortion unjust, yet was told by one of them that I "will be going to Hell." (The man thought I gave a sarcastic "great" to his proposition that abortion is murderous, when I actually said, "agreed.")

Let's not confuse the message with the messenger. In secular institutions, abortion practices are better rejected from a less-high ground. For when the issue of abortion is confined to morality, otherwise reasonable people are discouraged from considering pro-life positions at all, as many pro-choicers disdain the religiosity with which pro-lifers are associated: "Get your rosaries off my ovaries," chanted pro-choicers at a rally here not long ago. It's unfair. Pro-lifers are agnostics and atheists, too. For some of a secular persuasion, it is counter-intuitive to think that human life begins with independence from the mother, or at some variable stage in between contraception and birth. Further, the necessity of abortion is, in many cases, questionable. If it was repulsion they were after, the demonstrators unequivocally succeeded. But if it was a rethinking of the pro-choice stance they wanted, then they resoundingly failed.

– Erik Hurd
Senior, Liberal Studies

Abortion debate never anything more than back-and-forth insults

The scene outside the University Center on Monday illustrates the sad state of public discourse today. The context of the confrontation – preachers with signs shouting at passersby, and vice-versa – demonstrates that too often, these issues boil down to one group of idiots yelling at another. The abortion debate is tough because it involves an ethical decision. Factions on either side of the divide scramble to find facts that support their position, but they come up empty-handed. Sadly, there is no way to logically prove that one side or another is correct. We choose based on our own gut feelings about the issue. We cannot resolve the debate cleanly because no solution exists that would satisfy both sides equally. So in the heat of the

moment, the pro-choicers and pro-lifers cannot recall the arguments they have constructed, and are left screaming epithets and trite, meaningless catchphrases like "my body, my choice" and "every life has value" at each other. Clearly, they are in the wrong frame of mind. A solution to the perceived problem involves negotiation and compromise, not cursing and covering one's ears. These solutions are not limited to just the abortion issue, but every political debate we engage in. Unfortunately, name-calling and sloganeering often elicit more of a response in people than level-headed debate, which is why scenes like Monday's are all too common.

– Dave Short
Computer Science

Stones have the choice for fuel

Although at first incensed by the article appearing in Wednesday's Kaimin, after careful thought I came to the conclusion that the university's decision to allow the Rolling Stones to use whatever diesel fuel they want to be the prudent move. Although it flies in the face of Missoula ideology, I agree with the administration's decision to allow the concert to run on regular old diesel, much to the chagrin of Montana's Democratic Party. The last thing that I want to do is alienate the Stones, or more importantly their production crew, which could possibly cause a bout of laryngitis to befall Mick. Furthermore, the

Stones know damn well what they are doing when it comes to concert production, if they have not forgotten it already in light of their youthful exuberance. I mean, c'mon, these guys not only lived through Altamont, they created it. Unless we want another appearance from the Hell's Angels in Missoula, I recommend that the university, and more importantly, the students, allow the Stones to use whichever damn fuel they deem necessary.

– Greg Strandberg
History

UM COT branch in Bitterroot to be proposed to Board of Regents

SEAN BRESLIN
MONTANA KAIMIN

The University of Montana will present a proposal to the Montana Board of Regents that details a plan to open a branch of the College of Technology in Hamilton, said UM President George Dennison. Although he doesn't expect the board to take any action on the plan until November's meeting, Dennison said he hopes the proposal keeps moving along.

"I think there's a real need to serve the people of the Hamilton area, so we shouldn't be dragging our feet," Dennison said.

Also on the agenda is a proposal to give three-year contracts to football coaches and men's and women's basketball coaches at UM and Montana State University. Proponents say the plan will help recruitment of student athletes and provide consistency to those programs.

"Why would you go to a place where the people who are recruiting you might not be there?" said UM Athletic Director Jim O'Day. He said three-year tenure would allow coaches to make long-term changes to their programs.

President Dennison said three-year coaching contracts for football and basketball programs are important because those sports generate the most revenue for UM.

In addition, ASUM will present a resolution against controversial ballot measure CI-97, which would regulate state spending through a formula, which ASUM President Andrea Helling said she believes could negatively impact tuition costs for students if it passes. Although courts in Great Falls and Helena have struck down CI-97, Helling said it's still important to take a stand against it.

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Thai coup sends mixed messages to world

JACOB BAYNHAM
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Last week, democracy activists and international watchdog groups spoke out against the Thai military's ouster of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra. As tanks rolled onto Bangkok's streets and the billionaire Thaksin sweated in the UN headquarters in New York, many political analysts saw the turn of events as a further loosening of democracy's already slippery hold in Southeast Asia. Corruption is bad government, they said, military coups are worse.

News Analysis But in the land of a thousand smiles, the end of Thaksin's graft-ridden road gave many Thais another reason to grin. Popular support for Thaksin's removal and the pivotal nod of approval from Thailand's beloved 60-year monarch, King Bhumibhol Adulyadej, both led to the ease and peace with which the military took control of the government last Tuesday. The King has now seen 17 coups during his reign.

Five years ago, Thaksin swept into office as prime minister on a landslide election victory. His populist promises of cheap health care, debt relief for farmers and rural development projects gave him overwhelming popularity, especially in the countryside. As he was the richest man in Thailand, there was also a hope that he could rally the country out of its economic woes and into nationwide prosperity.

But it wasn't long before Thaksin stirred controversy into his rule. In an attempt to crack down on the spiraling methamphetamine addiction of his country's youth, he began a ruthless campaign to curb the influx of the drug spilling across the Burmese border. In his new policy, Thaksin authorized the army to shoot any suspected drug runner on sight. The result was more than 2,000 small-time dealers and refugees killed along the border. The true force behind the industry, the drug lords, stayed safe and rich.

Thaksin also brewed dissent with his iron-fisted response to the separatist insurgency in Thailand's Muslim south. Perhaps fearing an attack targeting foreigners – like the Bali nightclub bombing – that might debilitate a \$5 billion-a-year tourism industry, Thaksin favored heavy retaliation. Turning from King Bhumibhol's advocacy of negotiation, Thaksin appointed his cronies in the police force to take control of the volatile region, as corruption and smuggling grew rampant. As a result of Thaksin's heavy-handed tactics, 1,700 people have died in the south in two years.

It was this style of what has been called "CEO government" that once-enthusiastic Thais have grown increasingly critical of. In January, when Thaksin arranged the sale of his family's telecom empire to Singapore for \$2 billion, without paying any tax, Thais took to the streets calling for his resignation.

And yet, despite his fall from grace in the eyes of many in Thailand, there is an undeniable sense of unease about the way Thaksin was removed. Groups assembled in Bangkok (in clusters of five, so as to comply with the military's ban on political organization) to call for a change of power by democracy, not tanks on the street. The United States called the coup "disappointing" and urged Thailand to resolve its political differences peacefully.

Concern is certainly warranted for the message Thailand's military takeover will send to its immediate neighbors. Burma, to the west, has been ruled by an oppressive military government since 1962. Laos, to the north, is a communist country, riddled with corruption and cronyism amongst the elite, and has shown that it is not shy of using its military to control segments of the population. Indonesia has only recently emerged from the 32-year authoritarian, military rule of General Suharto. And the Philippines is a nation ripe for a coup, with the popularity of President Gloria Arroyo deteriorating rapidly amidst charges of corruption and fraud.

If a message is sent that carte-blanche coups are permissible, political analysts fear that it will destabilize Southeast Asia's burgeoning democracies. The next move of the military now in power in Bangkok is therefore pivotal. Prudently, the generals have pledged their loyalty to King Bhumibhol, whom the entire country respects and adores.

It appears now that the King will select the interim prime minister who will rule until a new constitution is written and elections are held in a year's time. His advisers have already been talking to Supachai Panitchpakdi, former chief of the World Trade Organization. Thai media reports that Supachai may be chosen as temporary leader for his financial expertise and untarnished record.

That something was rotten in Thaksin's Thailand goes without saying. The question remains, however, whether King Bhumibhol can right his country's precarious tilt to military rule and restore democratic integrity to the prime minister's office.



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The circus came to town on Sunday when a crew of elite skateboarders christened Missoula's long-awaited public skatepark. The festivities began when nearly 9,000 people gathered in and around the MOBASH Skatepark in McCormick Park and the events ended when their exhausted ringleader, legendary skateboarder Tony Hawk (above), fled his tent refuge while hungry pre-teens stormed in through the side, hungry for the Birdman's autograph. Kaimin Arts infiltrated the event by posing as local production assistants for Fuse TV and saw firsthand the chaos that goes on behind the scenes of a once-in-a-lifetime event. **-DB**

A long time coming: MOBASH Skatepark Timeline

by Ian Graham

2000 • The Missoula Skatepark Association, created from a grassroots skatepark built under the Higgins Street bridge that was demolished, begins fundraising to fund a free public skatepark for Missoula.

Winter 2002 • Board of Missoula, now Edge of the World, builds a mini-ramp in its shop to help raise money for the skatepark.

Fall 2003 • MSA hosts its first official fundraising and planning meetings, begins a recycling drive.

- Hosts the first video premier party, which will become a semi-annual fundraising event featuring professional and local snowboard and skateboard videos.

- McCormick skatepark plan is unanimously approved by the Missoula City Council. Missoula Redevelopment Agency donates \$100,000 in matching funds.

- Pearl Jam donates \$50,000 to the MSA.

Winter 03/04 • Big Sky Brewery picks MSA and Brennan's Wave kayak park as the beneficiaries for their Summer Concert series.

February 04 • MSA creates T-shirts to help raise money and awareness for the park.

Spring 04 • Second video premier takes place.

- Big Sky Brewery and Clear Channel Communications host a fundraising/awareness day for the skate and kayak parks.

Summer 04 • MSA obtains 501C3 (non-profit tax exempt) status

- Big Sky Concert series raises \$14,000 for the skatepark project.

- Grindline Skateparks chosen as designer for the park, design process



A crowd of several thousand doesn't faze David Loy, 14, from a throwing a huge frontside air



Street specialist Andrew Reynolds prepares to catch one of his patented frontside flips begins.

Fall 04 • Appleseed Foundation donates \$5,000

- Third video premier takes place.

January 05 • First public design meeting held at the Missoula Public Library with Grindline Skateparks.

February 05 • For the 2005 Summer Concert Series, Big Sky Brewery picks MSA as its sole beneficiary.

- MSA creates an official Board of Directors.

March 05 • Missoula Redevelopment Agency donates an addi-

-tional \$75,000 to the project.

April 05 • With a rough draft of the park’s layout available, MSA and Grindline Skateparks hold a second public design meeting.

- First MSA Game of SKATE competition raises \$450
- \$250,000 left to raise at this point.

May 05 • The Tony Hawk Foundation donates \$15,000 to the project, eventually leading to an appearance at the grand opening.

June 05 • American Expedition Vehicles and the MSA begin selling raffle tickets to win a \$72,000 customized Jeep Hemi Wrangler. Raffle ticket sales total \$200,000.

- Merchandise sales at Downtown ToNight and the first concert at Big Sky Brewery raises \$10,000 in less than a week for MSA.
- Local skaters produce and premier “Fingerbang!”, a



What were you doing when you were 12? Taylor Smith spins hardflips down steep banks

skate video featuring local skateboarders, to help raise money for the park.

July 05 • First Interstate Bank donates \$5,000

August/September 05 • Big Sky Brewery Concert Series earns more than \$30,000 for MSA.

- AEV Jeep raffle gets national exposure in 4Wheel Drive and Sport Utility Magazine, Overlander Magazine, Four Wheeler Magazine, Four Wheel and Off Road, Hungarian 4x4 and on many international Web sites.

October 05 • Fifth video premier

- OnDeck Art Show and Auction feature skate-inspired art on blank skate decks, earns \$7,100.

November 05 • First Battle of the Bands fundraiser held at the ELKS Club. Your Divine Tragedy wins.

Winter 05/06 • Project split into phases allowing construction to begin sooner. Phase I is the bowl features and Phase II is the street course.

February 06 • First Interstate Bank donates an additional \$5,000.

March 06 • Grindline breaks ground at McCormick Park.

- Anonymous donor offers 2-to-1 matching funds totaling \$150,000 (\$50,000 raised, \$100,000 donated to match).

April 06 • Groundbreaking ceremony in McCormick Park raises \$12,000, despite heavy rain.

May 06 • Game of SKATE and video premier raise more than \$1,000 in one day, Art Night at Paxson Elementary School and Spring Thaw at UM bring in an additional \$500.

- Skate video, “Rattails and Riches,” produced by skaters from Missoula and Great Falls, premiers to help raise money.
- Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation donates \$3,000.
- Gallagher Western Montana Charitable Foundation, Inc. donates \$10,000.

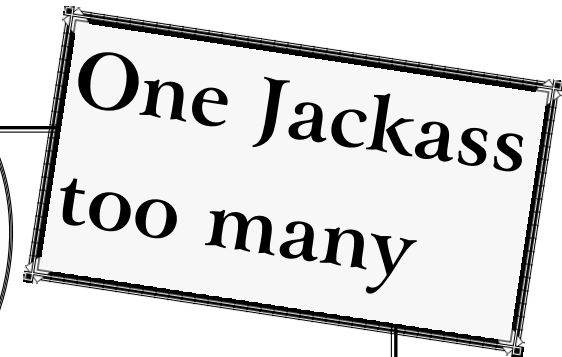
June 06 • Inaugural Montana Bowlrider Competition at the Anaconda skatepark raises \$660.

June 21, 2006 • Fundraising for both phases completed.

September 16, 2006 • AEV Jeep ticket drawn. The winner is a woman from Encinitas, Calif.

September 24, 2006 • The MOBASH Skatepark (named for the anonymous major donor) opens with a bang: it’s estimated that as many as 9,000 people crowded McCormick Park to see a demo put on by professional skaters Tony Hawk, Bam Margera, Mike Vallely, Alex Chalmers, Andrew Reynolds, Kevin Staab, Neal Hendrix and others. Chris Bacon, the president of the MSA, said, “I’m pumped on the whole gig. The demo was epic, the crowd was stellar; the day was totally lumberjack. I’m so glad it’s done and we can skate it.”

This timeline was compiled from information available on missoulaskatepark.org



DYLAN LASLOVICH
MONTANA KAIMIN

A profound thinker of our time put it best when speaking of “Jackass: Number 2”.

“It’s not funny anymore,” said Bam Margera after performing a seriously dangerous skit.

The movie evoked general concern for the “cast’s” safety more than it did laughs. Whether Johnny Knoxville and company were feeling the wrath of bear traps, riot control defenses, King Cobras or Anacondas, I couldn’t help but think, “When is this going to stop?”

I am not assuming that Jackass: Number 2 is supposed to be something it’s not. The point of Jackass is to shock and entertain the viewer, but it just didn’t happen enough.

When the show first came out years ago you didn’t know what to expect. The premises were fresh and they were consistently funny. Maybe it’s gotten old or maybe they’ve done it all. Either way having a decent idea of what’s going to happen takes the fun out of it.

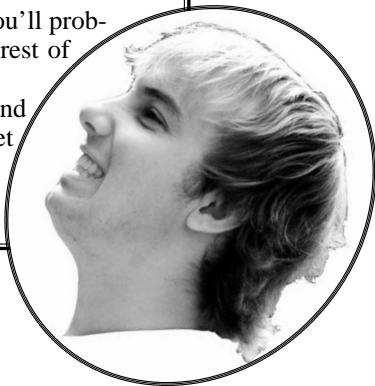
Multiple pseudo-celebrities were thrown into the mix. None of them attempted anything except the southern rap group, Three 6 Mafia, in a small part of the film. One of the rappers offered Jackass’ Dave England \$200 to eat cow manure. My suggestion: offer Mr. England \$200 to listen to one of their albums in one sitting... now that’s punishing.

But like most sub-par movies there are some highlights. Johnny Knoxville deserves some kind of award for not giving a damn about whether he lives or dies. Knoxville always went the extra mile to make sure he got trampled a couple more times by a bull or almost beat down by a stranger on the streets.

“Jackass: Number 2” does feature one of the greatest pranks, albeit tasteless, of all time. The premise revolves around Ehren McGhehey dressing up as a terrorist and having a cab driver take him to the airport. To add a better effect he had fake, at least I hope so, dynamite strapped around his stomach. Shortly into the taxi ride all hell breaks loose and I think my mouth stayed open for the remainder of the prank.

If you love anything that is Jackass you’ll probably think the movie was fine. For the rest of us it’s more of the same.

And in the eternal words of the tired and battered Margera, “Please God don’t let there be a Jackass 3.”



Golf world mourns loss of legend Byron Nelson

IRVING, Texas (AP) - Byron Nelson's graceful swing and gentle manner earned him the nickname "Lord Byron," a tribute to the courtly Texan whose kind, caring style with fans and competitors made him one of the most well-liked figures in sports.

But what will forever set Nelson apart is a single record, one that no golfer has ever approached: his 11 straight tournament victories in 1945, the greatest year in the history of golf.

Nelson died Tuesday at 94. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office said he died of natural causes.

His wife, Peggy Nelson, told family friend Angela Enright that her husband appeared fine as she left their Roanoke home for Bible study Tuesday morning.

"I'm so proud of you," he told her, something he often said about her church involvement, Enright said.

When she returned, Peggy Nelson found her husband on the back porch, which faces the woodworking shop where he spent much of his free time.

Arnold Palmer called Nelson "one of the greatest players who ever lived."

"I don't think that anyone will ever exceed the things that Byron did by winning 11 tournaments in a row in one year," Palmer said in a statement.

The closest any player has come to Nelson's streak is six, first by Ben Hogan in 1948. When Tiger Woods reached that number in 1999-2000, Nelson was typically gracious when putting his own mark into perspective.

"Anytime you make a record stand for 55 years, why, you've done pretty good," he told The Associated Press.

Last month, when Woods' current streak of PGA tour wins reached five and counting, he didn't sound confident

that Nelson's feat would fall anytime soon, comparing it to Joe DiMaggio's elusive 56-game hitting streak.

"In this day and age, with this competition, to win 11 in a row would be almost unheard of," Woods said. "What Byron accomplished, that goes down as one of the great years in the history of our sport. ... DiMaggio's record, I see that being broken more than winning 11 in a row."

Nelson won 18 tournaments in 1945, also a record for a calendar year. He captured 31 of 54 tournaments in 1944-45, and won a total of 52 events, including five majors: the Masters in 1937 and 1942, the U.S. Open in 1939 and the PGA

Championship in 1940 and 1945.

Then, at age 34, he retired after the 1946 season to spend more time on his Texas ranch.

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Chambers' performance presents a pleasant problem for Montana

After shredding Sac State defense, former Husky adds another dimension to deep UM receiving corps



UM wide receiver Craig Chambers runs after making a reception Saturday at Washington-Grizzly Stadium during UM's 59-14 blowout win over Sacramento State. Chambers, a transfer from the University of Washington, led the team Saturday with five catches and 82 yards and he also scored his first touchdown of the season.

PETE DELMOE
MONTANA KAIMIN

Being the starting quarterback for the University of Montana football team is never a walk in the park, but things just keep getting easier for Griz senior QB Josh Swogger.

After witnessing the emergence of junior wide receiver Eric Allen in the first two games of the season, Swogger now has another weapon in the arsenal with junior I-A transfer Craig Chambers getting his shot to fight for playing time in a crowded Montana receiving group.

"We got an unbelievable receiving corps," Swogger said. "You have so many weapons on offense you just want to get them the ball and let them do what they do best."

Chambers missed the opener in Iowa because he was academically ineligible, and he only played sparingly in the Griz's 36-7 win over South Dakota State. Chambers said it was difficult to sit out against the Iowa Hawkeyes, especially since they are a Division I-A program.

"It was really hard just because that's where I came from was D-I," Chambers said. "It was kind of like another chance for me to

establish that I was a legitimate D-I receiver."

On Saturday, Chambers got his chance to shine in Montana's 59-14 victory over Sacramento State. Chambers led the team with five catches for 82 yards and he caught his first touchdown of the season. Chambers had a shot at another touchdown but dropped a pass from sophomore quarterback Cole Bergquist in the endzone.

"It felt good," said Chambers,

I wasn't totally satisfied with my performance, but it still felt good.

— Craig Chambers,
UM junior wide receiver

who led the University of Washington in touchdown receptions last year with six. "I wasn't totally satisfied with my performance, but it still felt good, though. I had that drop in the endzone and that kind of pissed me off a little bit."

For some time there was the question of whether or not Chambers would be playing at all due to his academic eligibility. Chambers said if he wouldn't

have been eligible to play this year he would have considered going some place else, but that was unlikely.

"I would have stayed but it would have sucked, though, because that's the reason for me coming to Division I-AA because I wanted to play right away."

For now though everything is working out for Chambers and he is enjoying his stay in Missoula. So far he has been pretty impressed with his teammates, especially his fellow wide receivers.

"I think it's pretty amazing we can field the receivers like we have," he said. "We have every single kind of prototype receiver. We have possession guys, quick guys, down-the-field guys, sure-handed guys. I think we'd have a good receiving corps on a lot of D-I teams, let alone D-I-AA."

With so many receivers on the team, some players might be concerned about playing time and getting the ball, but Chambers said that shouldn't be a problem.

"Everybody's going to have their games and they are going to be able to show what they can do," he said. "I think we'll have plenty of balls to go around. You can never throw too much."

Senior golfers lead the Grizzly charge in Spokane



Swanson



Walker

Paced by the play of two seniors, the University of Montana golf team grabbed a fifth place finish at the nine-team Inland Empire Invitational in Spokane, Wash., on Tuesday.

The Griz were led by seniors Krista Swanson and Jill Walker who finished in third and eighth place. Swanson shot a 221 to finish in a tie with Idaho's Amanda Jacobs, two strokes behind first-place Kelly Nakashima, also of Idaho.

Four Big Sky Conference teams competed in the Invite, and Montana placed second within that group. UM bested Montana State and Portland State, but finished eight strokes behind Eastern Washington, which placed second.

It was the second time in September that the Eagles have beaten Montana, the reigning conference champion, as EWU finished 15 strokes ahead of UM at the Ptarmigan Ram Fall Classic in Fort Collins, Colo., earlier this month. EWU also got UM on the individual leaderboard as the Eagles' Marli Mikulecky finished in second place, one stroke ahead of Swanson.

Two UM freshmen got their first collegiate tournaments under their belts. Jacqueline Olson and Teddi Roberts competed as individuals and finished 40th and 48th place, respectively, in the 53-person field.

The UM golf team will wrap up its fall season with back-to-back tournaments in mid-October.

-Kaimin Sports Staff

The Kaimin Sports Not-Funny Joke of the Day

There are two penguins sitting in a bathtub. One penguin says to the other, "Can you pass me the soap?" The other penguin says, "What do I look like, a toaster?"

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The number of full-time equivalent students increased as well, from 11,695 last year to 11,716 this year.

In a statement released Tuesday,

UM President George Dennison credited UM efforts to increase enrollment and retain students for the increase.

Dennison also said UM has seen an increase in the number of students taking online courses, which has given the appearance that students are taking fewer credits due to the way online credits are counted, according to the

statement.

The statement also noted increasing diversity on UM’s campus, with higher numbers of American Indian students, black students, and Hispanic students enrolling at UM.

— Sean Breslin,
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MONTANA KAIMIN:

36 PERCENT THE CIRCULATION OF THE NEW YORK TIMES, TWICE THE PRESTIGE.

HOW ARE YOU GETTING TO CLASS DURING STONES WEEK?

We recommend students, faculty and staff try to use alternative transportation this week because of limited parking. This is a great opportunity to bike, walk, carpool, or take the bus. Check the Mountain Line website at www.mountainline.com for local bus routes and schedules.

Ways to Get To/From Campus for Students, Faculty and Staff

Extra buses run from 7:30am to 2:30pm on both the North and South Park-N-Rides during the week of October 2-6. The Park-N-Ride and UDASH buses will not serve the Adams Center, the University Center or the Science Complex for that week.

See the North Park-N-Ride Map, South Park-N-Ride Map and UDASH Map on the below for route changes.

Concert Parking:

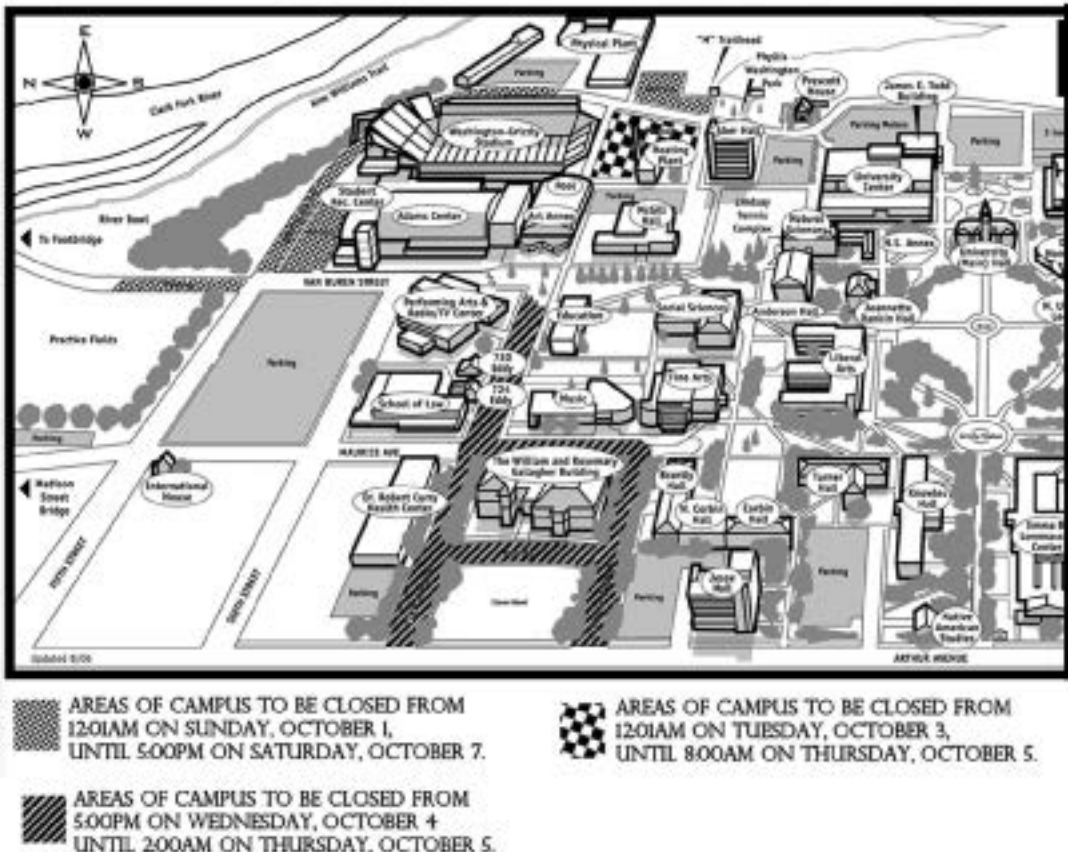
Shuttle buses will run from Southgate Mall to Campus starting at 5pm.

Additional shuttle buses will run from the Lewis & Clark and Domblaser parking lots to campus after the Park-N-Ride ends at 6:15pm.

Concert-goers can also park at the North Park-N-Ride lot on the other side of the Clark Fork River, just east of the Holiday Inn Express. No buses will be available after the show from this location.

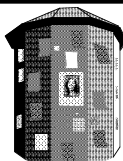
We also suggest concert-goers park in the Missoula Parking Commission’s lots in downtown Missoula and walk to campus along the Clark Fork River trails on both sides of the river.

ROAD AND PARKING LOT CLOSURES FOR THE ROLLING STONES CONCERT



For more detailed information please refer to www.umproductions.org

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Missoula Parks and Recreation is accepting applications for Currents Aquatics Center Lifeguards, Cashiers, and Janitor; also Ropes/teams Course Facilitators and Outdoor Recreation Staff. Positions may remain open until filled. Download application and info at www.missoulaparks.org or pick up applications and job descriptions at Parks and Recreation, 600 Cregg Lane, in McCormick Park. No phone calls, please. EEO/AA, M/F, V/H Employer.

Grizzly basketball is looking for volunteer manager for info call Jordan 396-6141.

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Weekend Cabins: 30 min. from Missoula. \$44-\$66/NIGHT. ROCK CREEK CABINS 251-6611

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GURDJIEFF:

"Man has no permanent and unchangeable I." Who was Gurdjieff? What did he mean by this statement? How can we work toward acquiring a permanent and unchangeable "I"? An open discussion with the Gurdjieff Foundation of Montana September 27, 2006 7:30 pm- 8:30 pm Missoula Public Library Small Meeting Room.

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